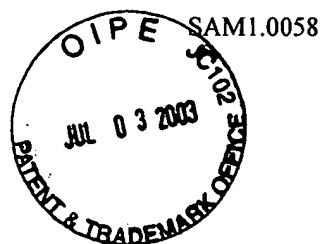


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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Advisory Action (paper no. 13), in the above-referenced patent application. Entry of the amendments to the claims, and reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby requests a 3-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to file this response. Enclosed please find a check to cover the cost of the extension. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 01-1960 for any deficiencies or additional fees due with respect to the filing of this paper.